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Arizona's Indian Gaming Revenue Rose 17 Percent in Fiscal 2006 Tribal Contributions Jumped 26 Percent

PHOENIX — Gross gaming revenue from Indian casinos in Arizona increased almost 17 percent to \$1.79 billion in fiscal 2006 from a year ago, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today. Tribal contributions to the state, cities, towns and counties jumped almost 26 percent in fiscal 2006.

In the state fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, Arizona's 21 gaming tribes reported aggregate gross gaming revenue of \$1,790,475,504. That's up from \$1,536,014,082 in fiscal 2005. Gross gaming revenue is the difference between gaming wins and losses, before deducting casino operating costs and expenses.

In fiscal 2006, the tribes contributed a combined \$91,708,439 to the state's Arizona Benefits Fund, cities, towns and counties in Arizona. That's an increase from \$72,975,157 in fiscal 2005. Of the combined 2006 contributions, tribes sent \$81,087,909 to the Arizona Benefits Fund, which finances education, trauma care and other community services. Tribes contributed the remaining \$10,620,530 directly to cities, towns and counties of the tribes' choosing.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Compact, gaming tribes donate one to eight percent of their Class III net winnings (net winnings is same as gross gaming revenue) to programs that benefit Arizona residents. The formula is based on a sliding scale, with busier casinos contributing more money. Class III gaming includes jackpot poker, slot machines and similar machine games, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting.

2006 contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund were distributed to the following programs:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$40,021,044.55
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$20,010,522.28
Administrative and regulatory expenses (Arizona Department of Gaming):	\$ 8,000,000.00
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 5,717,292.07
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 5,717,292.07
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 1,621,758.14

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with the tribes, regulates American Indian gaming. There are 22 Class III casinos in the state.

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